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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US BY SAUDI AGRICULTURE MINISTER HASSAN
MISHARI

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SUMMARY: PLANS ARE NEARING FINAL STATE FOR PRIVATE VISIT
BY AGRICULTURE MINISTER HASSAN MISHARI. TO DATE WE HAVE
HAD NO INPUT FROM MISHARI ON THIS TRIP. REQUEST LONDON
ATTEMPT OBTAIN MISHARI'S PERSONAL APPROVAL OF PROGRAM
ARRANGEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. PLANS FOR AGRICULTURE MINISTER MISHARI'S PRIVATE VISIT
TO US ARE NEARING COMPLETION. IN ABSENCE ANY COMMUNICATION
FROM MISHARI HIMSELF, WE HAVE PROCEEDED ON BASIS REF (B)
WHICH STATED THAT IN OPINION OF DEP MIN AGR OBEID PROGRAM
SEEMED APPROPRIATE. TO AVOID THE EMBARRASSMENT AND COM-
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PLICATIONS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IF LAST-MINUTE CHANGES SHOULD

BE REQUESTED, WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO ASSURE OURSELVES PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL THAT PROGRAM IS OF DURATION AND TYPE DESIRED BY MISHARI. ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER ANYONE BESIDES MUHAMMAD SADI WILL ACCOMPANY.

2. SCHEDULE CONSISTS OF A TWELVE-DAY PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

AUGUST 31, SUNDAY: ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE OF MONTANA AND DEPARTMENT WILL MEET.

SEPTEMBER 1, MONDAY: AMERICAN HOLIDAY. DAY AT LEISURE IN WASHINGTON.

SEPTEMBER 2, TUESDAY: MORNING CALLS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TRAVIS REED AND ON SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY BUTZ.

SEPTEMBER 3, WEDNESDAY: TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON TO BOZEMAN, MONTANA (MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY), VIA AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY STATE OF MONTANA.

SEPTEMBER 4, THURSDAY: VISIT BY HELICOPTER TO IRRIGATION PROJECT, CATTLE FEEDLOT FACILITIES, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.

SEPTEMBER 5, FRIDAY: VISIT TO CATTLE FARM, TO WHEAT FARM, AND ON TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.

SEPTEMBER 6, SATURDAY: RETURN TO BOZEMAN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIVERSITY AND STATE TRADE OFFICIALS.

SEPTEMBER 7, SUNDAY: BY AIR TO TWIN FALLS, IDAHO. RELAX AT HOLIDAY INN.

SEPTEMBER 8, MONDAY: VISIT SNAKE RIVER CONSERVATION RESEARCH CENTER AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN VICINITY. (CENTER-PIVOT SPRINKLER IRRIGATION IS SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED BY USDA FOR WADI DAWASIR PROJECT.) DEPART FOR BAKERSFIELD VIA AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY SUPERIOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FARMS.

SEPTEMBER 9, TUESDAY: SUPERIOR FARMS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. (LARGE-SCALE COMMERCIAL FARMING, INCLUDING TRICKLE IRRIGATION AND OTHER CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE.)

SEPTEMBER 10, WEDNESDAY: VISIT SUPERIOR FARMS DATE PALM

GROVE, PALM SPRINGS; CONTINUE TO TUCSON, ARIZONA, TO
VISIT ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF ARIZONA.

SEPTEMBER 11, THURSDAY: RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON AIRCRAFT
PROVIDED BY SUPERIOR FARMS.

3. CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATION THAT SAG WOULD HAVE TO
COVER MISHARI'S EXPENSES AFTER MONTANA VISIT, SUPERIOR
FARMING NOW WISHES MISHARI AND PARTY TO BE THEIR GUESTS
FOLLOWING DEPARTURE FROM TWIN FALLS UNTIL RETURN TO
WASHINGTON.

4. REQUEST YOU CONTACT MISHARI AND REVIEW PROGRAM WITH
HIM. SHOULD HE REQUEST ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES, REPLY
BY NIACT IMMEDIATE. INGERSOLL

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